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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
VEHICLES."***

1 Strike lines 110 to 167, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 4. Section 14-16c of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2004*):

5 (a) (1) (A) Any insurance company which takes possession of a
6 motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in this
7 state, that has been declared a total loss [, in] and that is offered for sale
8 in this state by such insurance company or its agent as a result of the
9 settlement of a claim for damage or theft, shall stamp the word
10 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in
11 length on the vehicle's certificate of title and shall attach to such
12 certificate of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such
13 totalled motor vehicle, except that if the insurance company
14 determines that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component

15 parts which are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the
16 insurance company shall stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY"
17 in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in length on the
18 vehicle's certificate of title. A copy of such certificate shall be sent by
19 the insurance company to the Department of Motor Vehicles. (B) Any
20 insurance company which takes possession of a motor vehicle for
21 which a certificate of title has been issued in any state other than this
22 state that has been declared a total loss and that is offered for sale in
23 this state by such insurance company or its agent as a result of the
24 settlement of a claim for damage or theft, shall attach to such certificate
25 of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such totalled motor
26 vehicle.

27 (2) (A) Any person, firm or corporation which is a self-insurer and
28 owns a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in
29 this state, that has been declared a total loss and that is offered for sale
30 in this state by such self-insurer or its agent, shall stamp the word
31 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in
32 length on the vehicle's certificate of title and shall attach to such
33 certificate of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such
34 totalled motor vehicle, except that if such self-insurer determines that
35 such motor vehicle has ten or more major component parts which are
36 damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the self-insurer shall
37 stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters
38 not to exceed three inches in length on the motor vehicle's certificate of
39 title. Any person, firm or corporation which is insured other than by
40 means of self-insurance and owns such a motor vehicle, shall forward
41 the vehicle's certificate of title to the company insuring such vehicle or
42 the company paying the totalled claim. Such insurer shall stamp the
43 word "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in
44 length on the certificate of title except that if the insurance company
45 determines that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component
46 parts which are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the
47 insurer taking possession of such motor vehicle shall stamp the words
48 "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three

49 inches in length on the motor vehicle's certificate of title and shall
50 return such certificate to such person, firm or corporation. A copy of
51 such certificate shall be sent by the person, firm or corporation to the
52 Department of Motor Vehicles. (B) Any person, firm or corporation
53 which is a self-insurer and owns a motor vehicle for which a certificate
54 of title has been issued in any state other than this state that has been
55 declared a total loss and that is offered for sale in this state by such
56 self-insurer or its agent, shall attach to such certificate of title a copy of
57 the appraiser's damage report for such totalled motor vehicle.

58 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "major component part" shall
59 have the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
60 of section 14-149a.

61 (b) Any insurance company or its agent taking possession of a
62 motor vehicle in accordance with subsection (a) of this section or any
63 person, firm or corporation which owns such motor vehicle shall copy
64 the [stamped] certificate and give the original of such certificate, with a
65 copy of the appraiser's damage report attached thereto, to any
66 subsequent purchaser of the motor vehicle that has been declared a
67 total loss. The name and address of any such purchaser [must] shall be
68 recorded on [the reverse side of] the original and the copy, as provided
69 on the certificate. The copy shall serve only as a record of transfers of
70 the total loss motor vehicle."

71 In line 341, strike "care" and insert "car" in lieu thereof

72 Strike lines 416 to 431, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
73 following in lieu thereof:

74 "(b) A fee of fifty dollars shall be charged for Childhood Cancer
75 Awareness commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular
76 fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen
77 dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the
78 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,
79 issuing, renewing and replacing such number plates and thirty-five
80 dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the

81 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for purposes of
82 section 10 of this act. Such number plates shall have letters and
83 numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The
84 commissioner may establish a higher fee for: (1) Number plates that
85 contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued number
86 plate; (2) number plates that contain letters in place of numbers as
87 authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the
88 fee or fees prescribed for registration under section 14-40 of the general
89 statutes; and (3) number plates that are low number plates issued in
90 accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to
91 the fee or fees prescribed for registration under section 14-160 of the
92 general statutes. All fees established and collected pursuant to this
93 section, except moneys designated for administrative costs of the
94 Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the Childhood
95 Cancer Awareness account established pursuant to section 10 of this
96 act."

97 In line 432, before "No" insert the following:

98 "A renewal fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged for renewal or
99 registration of a motor vehicle bearing Childhood Cancer Awareness
100 commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees
101 prescribed for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle. Five dollars
102 of the renewal fee shall be designated for administrative costs of the
103 Department of Motor Vehicles."

104 In line 442, strike "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof

105 In line 447, strike "childhood cancer" and insert "Childhood Cancer
106 Awareness" in lieu thereof

107 In line 454, strike the semi-colon and insert a comma in lieu thereof

108 Strike lines 455 to 458, inclusive, in their entirety

109 In line 459, strike "issues with regard to children; and (4)" and insert
110 "and (2)" in lieu thereof

111 In line 476, after "of" insert "state"

112 Strike lines 481 to 488, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
113 following in lieu thereof:

114 "(b) A fee of fifty dollars shall be charged for wildlife conservation
115 commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees
116 prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of
117 such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department
118 of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing,
119 renewing and replacing such number plates and thirty-five dollars of
120 such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Secretary of
121 the Office of Policy and Management for purposes of section 12 of this
122 act. Such number plates shall have letters and numbers selected by the
123 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may establish a
124 higher fee for: (1) Number plates that contain the numbers and letters
125 from a previously issued number plate; (2) number plates that contain
126 letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49 of the
127 general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for
128 registration under said section; and (3) number plates that are low
129 number plates issued in accordance with section 14-160 of the general
130 statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under
131 said section. All fees established and collected pursuant to this section,
132 except moneys designated for administrative costs of the Department
133 of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the wildlife conservation
134 commemorative account established pursuant to section 12 of this act.
135 Such number plates"

136 In line 516, strike "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof

137 In line 520, strike "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof

138 In line 522, strike "all"

139 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
140 internal references accordingly:

141 "Sec. 501. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) There is established a task force
142 to study the use and display of flashing, revolving and other
143 nonstandard lighting equipment on motor vehicles. The task force
144 shall study the types of such nonstandard lights, the classes of motor
145 vehicles on which such lights may be installed and the safety risks and
146 benefits of the use of such lights. Such study shall include, but not be
147 limited to (1) the feasibility of adopting standard colors for different
148 classes of emergency vehicles, (2) limitations on revolving lights with
149 respect to law enforcement and nonlaw enforcement vehicles, (3) the
150 need to clarify existing statutory standards, (4) evaluation of the
151 current process for permitting or authorizing the use of flashing or
152 revolving lights, and (5) means and methods of enforcement standards
153 and restrictions.

154 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The
155 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee, (2)
156 the Commissioner of Public Safety, or the commissioner's designee, (3)
157 the Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's designee,
158 (4) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
159 secretary's designee, (5) a representative of the Connecticut Chiefs of
160 Police Association, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
161 (6) a representative of a police trooper organization, appointed by the
162 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, (7) a representative of a driving
163 safety advocacy group, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor
164 Vehicles, (8) an automotive engineer, appointed by the Commissioner
165 of Motor Vehicles, (9) a representative of the Connecticut Firefighters
166 Association, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and
167 (10) a representative of a volunteer fire department, appointed by the
168 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and (11) an emergency services
169 provider, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

170 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
171 August 1, 2003. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
172 authority. The task force shall elect the chairperson at its first meeting
173 from among its members.

174 (d) Not later than February 4, 2004, the task force shall submit a
175 report on its findings and recommendations to the Department of
176 Motor Vehicles and to the joint standing committee of the General
177 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in
178 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
179 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
180 on February 4, 2004, whichever is earlier.

181 Sec. 502. Section 83 of public act 03-115 is amended to read as
182 follows (*Effective from passage*):

183 Bridge number 1392 located on Route 156 in the town of Old Lyme
184 overpassing the Lieutenant River shall be designated the ["John]
185 "Thomas A. Fox Memorial Bridge".

186 Sec. 503. Section 9 of public act 03-115 is amended to read as follows
187 (*Effective from passage*):

188 A segment of Route 115 through Derby, Ansonia and Seymour shall
189 be designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

190 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) Section 87 of public act 03-115 is
191 repealed."